

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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## USDA CHICKEN AND CHICKEN PRODUCTS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chicken products for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for broiler/fryer chicken in one or more of the following forms:

IF Cut-up (205140) – Individually frozen U.S. Grade A parts, prepared from cut-up chickens, 8-pieces, without necks and giblets. Cut-up chickens must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg) without necks and giblets. The commodity must be individually frozen, packaged in a minimum of four plastic-film bags, and packed 40 pounds (18,14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Breast and Leg Quarters (221140) – Frozen chicken breast quarters and leg quarters. Breast quarters and leg quarters must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg) without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in a minimum of four plastic-film bags and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Cut-up (221240) – Frozen cut-up chickens, 8 pieces, without necks and giblets. Cut-up chickens must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg) without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in a minimum of four plastic-film bags and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Cooked (221530) – Frozen cooked batter/breaded cut-up chickens, 8 pieces. The cooked chicken parts must be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3 pounds (1.13 to 1.36 kg) without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packaged or packed in a minimum of three plastic-film bags or layers, respectively, and packed 30 pounds (13.61 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,300 containers per purchase unit totaling 39,000 pounds (17,690 kg).

Bulk Pack, Small (221690) – Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The weight range for an individual chicken is 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg), without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

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Drumsticks (221940) – Frozen chicken drumsticks. Drumsticks must weigh a minimum of 4.15 ounces (117.65 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh a minimum 3.70 pounds (1.68 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packaged in a minimum of four plastic-film bags, and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Bulk Pack, Large (222590) – Bulk packed for further processing, chilled ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens without necks or giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The weight range for an individual chicken is over 4.5 pounds (2.04 kg) and up, without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Leg Quarters (222640) – Frozen chicken leg quarters. Leg quarters must weigh between 9 and 13 ounces (255.14 and 368.54 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 3.75 pounds (1.13 to 1.70 kg) per whole carcass, weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packaged in a minimum of four plastic-film bags, and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 shipping containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Thighs (222840) - Frozen chicken thighs with back portion. Thighs must weigh between 4.80 and 9.30 ounces (136.08 and 263.66 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 5 pounds (1.13 to 2.27 kg) per whole carcass, weighed without necks and giblets. The commodity must be packaged in a minimum of four plastic-film bags, and packed 40 pounds (18.14 kg) net weight in each fiberboard shipping container, with 1,000 shipping containers per purchase unit totaling 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Leg Quarters, Bulk Parts (224090) – Chilled chicken leg quarters, bulk packed for further processing. Leg quarters must weigh between 8.50 and 24 ounces (240.97 and 680.38 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required by the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Chicken Legs, Bulk Parts (224190) – Chilled chicken legs, bulk packed for further processing. Legs must weigh between 5 and 17.50 ounces (141.75 and 496.11 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Thighs, Bulk Parts (224290) – Chilled chicken thighs, bulk packed for further processing. Thighs must weigh between 2.50 and 10.50 ounces (70.87 and 297.66 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Drumsticks, Bulk Parts (224390) – Chilled chicken drumsticks, bulk packed for further processing. Drumsticks must weigh between 2.50 and 7 ounces (70.87 and 198.44 g) each, or be produced from ready-to-cook broiler/fryer chickens which weigh 2.50 to 7 pounds (1.13 to 3.18 kg) per whole carcass, without necks and giblets. Frozen may be specified in the Invitation. The commodity must be packed in commercial containers as required in the Commodity Specification for Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002. A purchase unit will total 36,000 pounds (16,329 kg).

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Tuesday, May 28 (due to the holiday on Monday, May 27, for Federal employees), is being issued this week. Acceptances will be announced by midnight Friday, May 31, for products to be delivered from July 1 to July 15. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the second and fourth Monday of each month.

**As stated in the September 21 Notice to the Trade, all offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted on and after October 1, 2001, by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.**

There are some important changes to this year's program. Poultry Programs is incorporating "USDA reduced labeling" requirements for shipping containers and providing the option of using commercial labeling for packages and shipping containers. If using commercial labeling, the manufacturer must use a traceability and coding system that traces product back to the specific USDA contract and destination in the event of a recall. Individually frozen (IF) cut-up chickens are included under this program. As with last year's program, certifications, representations, and warranties will be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. Certifications must be received by the Contracting Officer prior to submitting a bid. Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-259, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product

specifications and are cautioned to offer only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Although most other provisions of the program are similar to the program operated last year, offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-259, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specifications for Chicken Parts, Batter/Breaded Chicken Parts, and Bulk Pack Chicken and Chicken Parts dated May 2002, which will be distributed to the trade in the near future, and Invitation No. 1.

The frozen cut-up chicken, in either eight pieces, parts, or breast and leg quarters, and the cooked batter/breaded chicken parts are for preparation and consumption in their present form by recipients. Bulk pack chicken and bulk pack chicken parts will be purchased for delivery to a processor and are for conversion to further-processed products in accordance with contracts with recipients.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260, PO Box 96456, Washington, DC 20090-6456. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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